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1. On 2 August 1952, [redacted] the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) that the quarters in Zehdenick were being winterized. [redacted] the work would take about two years and that therefore part of the personnel quartered there would return to their posts in the fall. [redacted] only part of the Volkspolizei could occupy the installations and that it was therefore planned to build a fence around a section of the concentration camp, probably around the low wooden buildings. (1)

2. On 5 August, [redacted] the area of Sewekow-Dranse which adjoins the Schweinrich (N 54/U 22) troop training grounds on the north had to be harvested by 12 August because of field exercises.

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25X1 [redacted] were unloaded at the Balligow (N 53/Z 65) railroad station. The material belonged to a unit from the Loewen Kaserne which returned to the installation. (2)

4. On 7 August, four boxcars carrying soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 12 M-13 rocket launchers, 2 tracklaying chassis [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] were seen passing through the Magdeburg-Rothensee (M 53/Y 60) freight station. On 11 August, [redacted] were entrained at the Wolmirstedt railroad station, the trucks came from the camp via the supply road and passed by kilometer 25X1 marker 65.2 km west of Colbitz. The train departed in the direction of Stendal. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] heavy tanks were unloaded in Wolmirstedt on 10 and 11 August. (3)

5. On 7 August, about 20 trucks [redacted] were seen 25X1 hauling billeting equipment in Wuensdorf (N 53/Z 91). [redacted] navy uniformed women [redacted] the Koch unit was being transferred to Luckenwalde. (4) 25X1

6. Seidel (fmu), head of the Koch unit in Wuensdorf, was arrested on the street for reasons which were unknown [redacted] On 4 August, the Koch unit, which had previously been located in the houses across from the camp, moved to Luckenwalde. (4)

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7. At 3 p.m. on 8 August, a column of about 10 trucks hauling bivouac equipment was seen on road No 101 coming from the direction of Luckenwalde and proceeding in the direction of Jüterbog. [redacted]

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8. On 9 August, the hutment in Trebbin-Glaau (N 53/Z 71) was occupied by 80 to 100 soldiers wearing black epaulets. Twelve trucks were parked in the area of the hutment. (6)

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9. At 10 a.m. on 8 August, a train carrying [redacted] 4 rocket launchers passed through Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), proceeding in the direction of Angermuende.

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10. At 10 a.m. on 9 August, a column of about 20 trucks each occupied by one driver wearing black epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets was seen passing through Beelitz (N 53/Z 51), proceeding in the direction of Trebbin.

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11. On 9 August, a train carrying 102 new guns of about 50-mm was seen passing through Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) coming from the east and proceeding in the direction of Fürstenwalde.

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(1) [redacted] the installations in the area of the Templin troop training grounds were being reconditioned and new permanent structures for troops were being built in that area. [redacted] the construction had to be completed in October 1952 which, however, was doubted. [redacted] early July 1952, it was also determined in Oranienburg that the concentration camp in Sachsenhausen would be turned over to the Volkspolizei. The units of the 25th Tank Div. would then only have the former SS Kaserne for its quarters. [redacted]

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(2) Compare observations [redacted] on the unloading of a unit of the 1st Kätz Div which returned from the Jüterbog troop training grounds. See [redacted]

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(3) [redacted] was reported for the first time. Motor vehicles of the 10th Gds Tank Div were involved in the entraining of the 80 trucks on 11 August. No information [redacted] has been received to confirm these observations.

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(4) The building from which the Kätz unit was transferred is located in a group of buildings northwest of Camp Zossen which is referred to as headquarters.

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(5) [redacted] the trucks belong to the Third Gds Kätz Army, possibly to the 91st Gds RL Regt in Luckenwalde.

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(6) [redacted] the bulk of the signal regiment of the Third Gds Kätz Army stationed there had probably returned from the Finsterwalde-Wittenberg command post exercise.

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